OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN GROWTH POLICIES BOARD: INVITATION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AT

DIGITAL DIVIDE CONFERENCE

DATE 9/26/00CC: SIMMONS

Scott Doron, Program Manager for the Southern Growth Policies Board, called this morning and then followed up with e-mail to offer two points of participation for you at the Digital Divide Conference in Roanoke this Sunday through Tuesday. I have attached a copy of the conference agenda for your reference. Scott invited you to participate in either or both of the following:

- The 1:00 Opening Session on Sunday You could say a few words of introduction and then introduce the afternoon speakers one by one. Or, you could simply open the conference with a few words of introduction and then hand the reigns over to Jim Clinton, SGPB Executive Director, who would then moderate the afternoon.
- The 9:00 a.m. Town Meeting on Tuesday Scott suggested that this would prove a key opportunity for you. Governor Huckabee will moderate the session in a talk show format. Senior policy personnel from West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida and South Carolina will serve on the panel. Huckabee will ask the group the attached questions, and will then open the session to comments and questions from the audience. Scott said that the session is informal, informative, and fun. No one on the stage has to specifically answer any one question.

Please advise me by Thursday afternoon (Sept. 28th) as to if you wish to actively participate in either of these opportunities so that I may let Scott know. Thank you.